

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on April 2, 2007  
at 11:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None.  
Executive Action: HB 766; HB 785; HB 485, HJ 28; HJ  
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00:12:01 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 766**

00:13:03 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that HB 766 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

00:14:10 **Motion:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that AMENDMENT HB076602.APM BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT** (bus70a01)

**Discussion:**

00:14:12 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:17:21 Sen. Esp to Pat Murdo, LSD

00:18:36 Sen. Tropila to Gordy Higgins, Deputy, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

00:20:27 Sen. Cocchiarella to Gordy Higgins, SAO

00:25:16 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:26:25 Sen. Brown to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:28:07 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:29:17 Sen. Esp to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:30:41 **Vote:** Motion that AMENDMENT HB076602.APM BE ADOPTED carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN. ESP voting no. SEN. BALLYEAT and SEN. SQUIRES voted by proxy.

00:31:01 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 766 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BALLYEAT and SEN. SQUIRES voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 785**

00:32:14 **Motion:** SEN. SMITH moved that HB 785 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

00:32:28 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:33:37 Sen. Squires and Sen. Balyeat came in

00:34:01 Sen. Cocchiarella to Tanya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Montana (BC/BS)

00:36:15 Sen. Ryan to Tanya Ask, BC/BS

00:37:51 Sen. Cocchiarella to Matt Cohn, Montana State Fund (MSF)

00:39:15 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:39:49 Sen. Esp to Matt Cohn, MSF

00:41:00 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:41:36 Sen. Brown to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:42:30 Sen. Cocchiarella to Matt Cohn, MSF

00:42:78 Sen. Squires

00:43:15 Sen. Smith to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:43:47 Sen. Tropila

00:44:10 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:44:23 **Vote:** Motion that HB 785 BE CONCURRED IN carried 6-5 with SEN. ESP, SEN. RYAN, SEN. SMITH, SEN. SQUIRES, and SEN. TROPILA voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 485**

00:45:19 **Motion:** SEN. SMITH moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on HB 485.

**Discussion:**

00:46:09 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:46:28 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that AMENDMENT HB058503.APM BE ADOPTED.

**Discussion:**

**EXHIBIT (bus70a02)**

00:47:04 Sen. Steinbeisser

00:47:26 Sen. Esp

00:48:51 Sen. Balyeat

00:50:16 Sen. Tropila

00:51:05 Sen. Smith

00:52:28 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:52:38 Sen. Squires

00:54:05 Sen. Smith

00:54:41 Sen. Smith to Mary McCue, Montana Chapter of the  
Association of Social Workers

00:56:12 Sen. Esp

00:57:04 Sen. Squires to Sen. Esp

00:58:29 **Vote: Motion to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on HB 485 failed  
4-7 by roll call vote with SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SEN.  
RYAN, SEN. SMITH, and SEN. SQUIRES voting aye.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28**

01:00:11 **Motion/Vote: SEN. TROPILA moved that HJ 28 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 7-4 with SEN. BROWN, SEN.  
ESP, SEN. JACKSON, and SEN. RYAN voting no.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 39**

01:02:45 Sen. Cocchiarella

**EXHIBIT (bus70a03)**

01:03:19 **Motion: SEN. SQUIRES moved that HJ 39 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

- 01:03:32 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SMITH moved that AMENDMENT HJ003901.APM BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 01:05:41 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that HJ 39 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. ESP and SEN. JACKSON voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus70aad.pdf](#))**